

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 371**

April 3, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Board of Probation and Parole (BOPP) to monitor sex offenders and violent sex offenders using a global positioning system (GPS) for the full extent of such person's probation or parole if the victim is a minor and the defendant is at least 18 years of age.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenues - \$47,900 First Year  
\$59,800 Each Succeeding Year**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$6,406,800 First Year &  
\$7,540,700 Each Succeeding Year**

**\$89,000 One-Time First Year &  
\$11,000 Each Succeeding Year**

#### **Assumptions:**

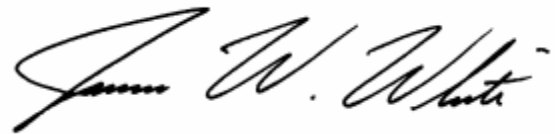
- According to BOPP, there will be 798 offenders subject to GPS monitoring (in addition to the 375 offenders currently in the pilot project) in the first year. This total includes existing sex offenders plus newly released offenders. 198 additional offenders will be subject to GPS monitoring in each subsequent year. Offenders will be subject to monitoring an average of 13.5 years.
- GPS offenders are required to pay \$600 per year to cover monitoring costs; however, according to BOPP, 90% of the GPS offenders are indigent and unable to pay. In the first year, BOPP will have a total of 798 new offenders on the GPS program ( $798 \times \$600 = \$478,800$ ). Ten percent of those will pay \$47,880. In the second and subsequent years, an additional 198 offenders on the GPS program ( $198 \times \$600 = \$118,800$ ). Ten percent of those will pay \$11,880.
- BOPP will incur monitoring costs of \$2,038,890 in the first year ( $798 \times \$2,555$  (equipment costs)) and additional costs of \$505,890 ( $\$2,555 \times 198$ ) in the second year (and subsequent years) for newly released offenders. The total monitoring cost, up to year 14, is \$2,544,780. After year 14, the costs will decline as offenders complete their supervision and leave the system.

- BOPP will require 107 additional positions to implement this system state-wide, including GPS technical positions, case officers, and information systems staff. The cost of these positions is \$4,095,251 recurring and \$65,940 one-time in the first year, and an additional \$628,004 recurring and \$10,990 one-time in the second and each subsequent year.
- Under current law, BOPP has discretionary authority to implement GPS monitoring as a part of community supervision. BOPP is conducting GPS monitoring of sex offenders on a limited, pilot project basis. BOPP will require additional personnel and equipment state-wide to implement mandatory Global Position System monitoring of released offenders.

*\*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director